GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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WILDLIFE PROTECTION IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the different possibilities in the field of wildlife protection in newly created Chhattisgarh state; and

(b) the total allocation made and the expenditure incurred for wildlife conservation during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU) :

(a) Chhattisgarh state has very rich biodiversity. 43.85% of the geographical area of the State is under forests. The area under three National Parks and ten Wildlife Sanctuaries is around 6348 sq. km. Therefore, the state has great possibilities for wildlife conservation.

(c) The financial assistance provided by the Government of India to the Wildlife Sanctuary and National Parks now included in the state of Chhattisgarh during last three years (1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001) are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the	Scheme	Funds released	Funds released
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	156.953	89.90	
2.	Project Tiger	98.75	48.69	
3.	Ecodevelopment around National Parks and Sanctuaries	24.9	Nil	

Complete utilization figure for the funds released during 2000-01 have not been received